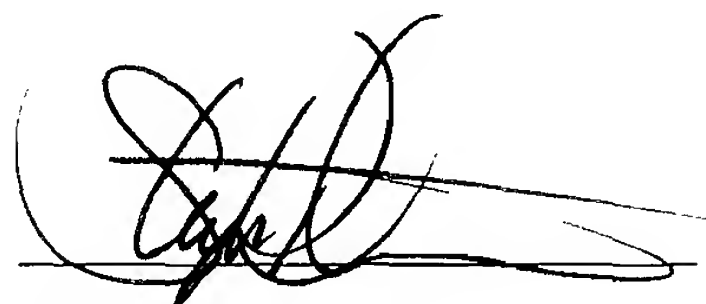


REMARKS

Claims 19-28 and 32 are pending. Claims 1-3, 8, 11-14, and 29-31 are canceled. It is respectfully urged that the subject application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen R. Tkacs', is written over a horizontal line.

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